

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 7-14, 19-26, 28-30, 32, and 33 are allowed.

Claims 27 and 31 have been amended to overcome the applied 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections. More specifically, claims 27 and 31 were rejected for not reciting steps involved in a method. These claims have been amended to positively recite steps involved in the claimed method. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections and allowance of claims 27 and 31 are deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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